



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO NEWS RELEASE

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SEWAGE SPILL IN ESCONDIDO *Impact to Creek Leading to Lake Hodges*

An estimated 780 gallon sewage spill occurred yesterday at 200 East Via Rancho Parkway in Escondido. The spill, which was caused by blockage from an incorrectly installed private sewer lateral, started at 8:00 am and ended at 2:30 PM when crews from the City of Escondido removed the blockage. Crews were able to recover approximately 80 gallons; the remaining 700 gallons flowed into a creek leading directly to Lake Hodges. Water quality monitoring is being conducted. Signs warning of sewage contamination are posted where the creek crosses Sunset Drive. The State Department of Health Services, Office of Drinking Water has been notified of the spill.

For more information on the spill, please call the City of Escondido at 760-839-4575

For updates call the 24-hr. hotline at (619) 338-2073 OR log on to www.earth911.org , enter your zip code and select 'Beach Water Quality'.